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1. Laos is divided into two zones of Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) influence: the central zone commanded by Truong Sinh, and the east zone commanded by Phoumi (fnu), a Laotian, Bachu (fnu), a Meo, and Prince Souphanavong. Phoumi and Bachu are in the vicinity of Xieng Khouang (N 19-19, E 103-21) and Souphanavong is in the Sam Neua (N 20-20, E 104-00) area. All of these individuals have visited Peiping.
2. The present Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) objective in Laos is to occupy the Paksane (N 18-22, E 103-39) area, and join with pro-DRV Vietnamese in North-east Thailand.

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1. Comment. This objective may not be achieved prior to the rainy season.

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